SIXTH DAY.

Wednesday, 5th October 1938.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion, on Wednesday, 5th October 1938, at 12 of the clock, Mr. President (*Amin-ul-Mulk* Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., Dewan) in the Chair.

AMENITIES TO MEMBERS.

Before the business of the day was taken up, **Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR** brought to notice certain inconveniences felt by the members who had come from the mofussil to attend the session of the Assembly. In the first place, there was paucity of accommodation in the Representatives' Home as well as in the other buildings meant for lodging the members, and three to four members were being accommodated in each room. Bathing and closeting arrangements in these buildings were not very satisfactory. Want of telephone connection in the Representatives' Home was being felt keenly. Medical help was not adequate, in the sense that a single doctor was expected to look after the members scattered over a number of buildings which were themselves not situated in one and the same locality.

As regards the facilities available in the Assembly hall itself, he felt that seating arrangements were capable of improvement. In spite of instructions from the President that separate seats be given to members of each party, and that a corridor be left open in the centre, he was sorry to say that the corridor was being blocked by certain members who shifted their seats for the purpose. The lunch arrangements were also not quite satisfactory, for the reason that the lunch tents had been pitched just by the side of the public road. He was of the opinion that very much more decent arrangements were called for in this respect.

As regards the general Visitors' Gallery, he suggested that it might perhaps be shifted to the opposite side so that visitors, most of whom seemed to watch the proceedings with keen interest, might be facing the non-official speakers. This arrangement, if accepted, would also be more welcome to ladies, since they could be accommodated in the gallery vacated by men.

Mr. L. VEMA REDDY supported the above suggestions. He added that the rear rooms in the Representative Assembly Home were too much exposed to public gaze and the verandahs thereof needed some kind of covering so that waste water dripping from the first storey might not chance to fall on members who might be standing in the verandahs.

The PRESIDENT said that he was fully aware that accommodation in the Representatives' Home was not adequate, and that the Chief Engineer would be requested to take up the question of extending the building without delay. He would be glad to see that the members, who had to stay out of their homes for many days together in connection with the sittings of the Assembly, were given all necessary comforts and conveniences including better lunch arrangements and medical attendance. He was also aware that it would be well if members had a common meeting place near their lodgings, and this would also be provided as part of the suggested improvements. The Engineering Department would also be instructed to improve the bathing and lavatory arrangements as far as possible.

As regards the seating arrangements, **the PRESIDENT** observed that the pavilion itself was not an ideal place for holding meetings of the Representative Assembly. He would however see that the best possible arrangements were made in the circumstances.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.*

Police Rewards.

Q.—28. **Mr. J. P. KHANDERAYA SETTY** (Holenarsipur Taluk) and all the other members of Hassan District.

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that rewards are given in the Police Department to those who work obediently and with interest ;

(*b*) since when it is done ;

(*c*) the amount granted for such rewards from July 1930 to June 1936 ;

(*d*) the amount so granted from July 1936 to June 1938 ?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) to (*d*) In view of the answer to question (*a*) above, these do not arise.

Mr. J. P. KHANDERAYA SETTY.—Am I to understand from the printed answer that the system of giving rewards to the Police is not at all in vogue in the State ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The question is dealt with in Rules 134 to 140 of the Police Manual and rewards are granted in accordance with those rules.

Mr. J. P. KHANDERAYA SETTY.—Could you not furnish the amount of rewards with reference to clauses (*c*) and (*d*) ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The member's question refers to those who have worked obediently and with interest. Obedience and interest are virtues common to all men in that department, but rewards are given for more important reasons, *viz.*, skill in investigation of cases, display of courage and special aptitude for police work.

Mr. J. P. KHANDERAYA SETTY.—But would it not be possible to state the amount of rewards given for the special reasons referred to ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I am sorry it is not possible just now.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—Is it a fact that one Police Inspector by name Mr. S. B. Basappa has been given a reward of Rs. 37 odd ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—Has it not come to the notice of the Chief Secretary, through newspapers, that the fact of such a reward having been granted was brought to notice during the Viduraswatha Disturbances Enquiry ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I remember to have read some such thing.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—For what reason was that reward granted ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That question relates to one particular individual. It can be answered only after obtaining information from the department.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—Is there any rule or understanding to the effect that a reward should be awarded within a definite period of time after the merit for which the reward is meant comes to notice ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The understanding is that rewards should be awarded as soon as possible.

Coffee Borer Pest.

Q.—29. **Mr. B. K. SOME GOWDA** (Manjarabad Taluk) and all the other members of Hassan District.

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of plants per acre that have been destroyed by Borer pest in coffee lands of Hassan District ;

(*b*) the number of plants per acre that have been destroyed during this year ;

(*c*) the expenditure by way of salary, etc., of those that had gone for inspection last year ;

(*d*) how much has been spent this year ;

(*e*) the help that the Agricultural Department rendered last year for the loss of so many Coffee plants by Borer pest ?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) 87 plants per acre on the average.

(*b*) It is not possible to give correct figures till after the close of the work in December.

(*c*) Rs. 2,454-5-0.

(*d*) Figures will be available after the close of the work.